

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422
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**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)
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<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages? No

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**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

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<310> Detail on attempts (voice)

Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)

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<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice	
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0 . 0
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
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<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations		FCC Form 481
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<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	419023ks610.pdf

**(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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(800) Operating Companies Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	S&T Communications, LLC.
<811>	Holding Company	S&T Telephone Cooperative Association
<812>	Operating Company	S&T Communications, LLC.

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No

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If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached PDF, on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

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**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate
comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband
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Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

Yes

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

419023ks1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.
- <2022> Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.
- <2025A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?
- <2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)

Name of Attached Document Listing
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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

**(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation
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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)		
(3010A)	Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}		
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}		
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:		
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No)	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.		<input type="checkbox"/>
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:		
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows		<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input type="text"/>

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**Certification - Agent / Carrier
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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>TCA</u> is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent:	<u>TCA</u>
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>S&T Communications llc</u>
Signature of Authorized Officer:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/26/2017</u>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	<u>Christina Hickert</u>
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	<u>CFO</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	<u>7856942256 ext.143</u>
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	<u>419023</u> Filing Due Date for this form: <u>07/03/2017</u>
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	<u>S&T Communications llc</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Firm:	<u>TCA</u>
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>CERTIFIED ONLINE</u> Date: <u>06/26/2017</u>
Name of Authorized Agent Employee:	<u>Ryan Palermo</u>
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent	<u>Senior Financial Consultant</u>
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent:	<u>7192664334 ext.</u>
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Attachments

FCC Form 481 Certifications

FCC Form 481 Lines 510 and 610

S&T Communications LLC

SAC 419023

Line 510: Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance

Service Quality Standards

The company complies with the service quality standards as adopted in the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) Docket Nos. 191,206-U and 95-GIMT-047-GIT.

Consumer Protection Rules

The company complies with the following consumer protection rules:

- FCC rules regarding verification of orders for telecommunications service as required of submitting carriers {47 CFR §64.1100}
- The FCC's Truth-in-Billing Requirements {47 CFR §64.2400}
- Billing practice standards as set out in KCC Docket No. 06-GIMT-187-GIT and subsequent billing practice standards approved by the KCC.
- All of the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and Federal Trade Commission 16 C.F.R. §681, Identity Theft Red Flags

Line 610: Functionality in Emergency Situations

- The company maintains a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. {47 CFR §54.202(a)}
- The company has made reasonable provisions to meet emergencies resulting from power failures; sudden and prolonged increases in traffic; staff shortages; and fire, storm, and acts of god.

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<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2017
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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3.7. LIFELINE SERVICES

1. General

- A. The Lifeline Program is a Residence Offering designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low-income subscribers by providing a credit on monthly recurring local service to qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in Order No. 97-157, Docket No. 96-45, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96.45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Specific rates are as prescribed by the Kansas Corporation Commission and are set forth in this Tariff. Lifeline Assistance is a Kansas support program that provides eligible customers with the following benefits:
1. A credit against the cost of local exchange access service.
 2. Free Toll Restriction upon the customer's request.
 3. A waiver of the Company's service deposit requirements, if the customer elects to receive toll restriction. However, acceptance of toll restriction services will not be a condition for receiving service under Lifeline.
 - a) If a Lifeline customer removes a toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the Connection and Local Service Charges for one (1) month.
- B. The Tribal Lifeline Program provides additional lifeline support for eligible people living on a reservation as defined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) regulations. Most qualifying customers will receive telephone service for \$1.00 per month, with an expected maximum of \$10.00 per month.

2. Regulations

- A. Lifeline and Tribal Lifeline Assistance are available to all residential customers who are currently participating in at least one of the following Federal or State Assistance Programs:

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- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- Free School Lunch Program
- General Assistance
- Head Start (only those meeting its income qualifying standard)
- Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)
- Medicaid
- Section 8 Federal Public Housing Program
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance to Families
- Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- United Tribes Food Distribution Program

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3.7. LIFELINE SERVICES (Cont'd)

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2. Regulations (Cont'd)

- B. One low-income credit is available per household and is applicable to primary residential connections only, to individuals who participate in one of the following programs:
1. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low-income assistance programs identified in Section 3.7.2.A above. Verification of this requirement will be accomplished through self-certification.
 2. The applicant's total household gross income does not exceed 150% of the Federally established poverty levels set forth for the number of persons in applicant's household. Verification of this requirement will be accomplished by the Company.
 3. Residents living on tribal lands and who are currently participating in at least one of the qualify programs identified in Section 3.7.2.A above are eligible for Tribal Lifeline Assistance. Verification of this requirement will be accomplished through self-certification.
- C. At no time shall a customer's Lifeline rate go below zero as a result of applying the Lifeline credits.
- D. A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local exchange access service offering available to other residence customers.

3. Obligations of the Company

- A. The Company shall be responsible for verifying eligibility for applicants qualifying under Federally established poverty levels. The Company will look at the number of exemptions reported to determine the size of the family unit and the dollar amount reported on the adjusted gross income line. These figures will then be compared to current Federal poverty income level guideline tables, as published in the Federal Register, to determine if the applicant meets the income criteria.
- B. Partial payments made by customers will be applied first to local exchange access service charges, then to toll charges, custom calling service charges or call management service charges.
- C. The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.

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3.5. LIFELINE SERVICES (Cont'd)

4. Obligations of the Customer

- A. Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low-income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for service. The Lifeline credit will not be established until proof of eligibility has been received and verified by the Company. If the customer requests installation prior to the Company's receipt of proof of eligibility, the requested service will be provided without Lifeline credit. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
1. Individuals choosing eligibility requirements based on qualifying for low-income assistance programs are required to obtain and mail to the Company a photocopy of a valid identification card or the appropriate documents that are issued to them by the agency administering the program.
 2. Individuals choosing eligibility requirements based on a Federally established poverty levels are required to obtain and mail to the Company a photocopy of the most recent U.S. Individual Tax Return (Form 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ) that was submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.
- B. When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.
- C. Any Lifeline customer who has a past due balance with the Company in toll message charges will be automatically restricted from access to toll services until the outstanding balance is paid. In such cases, Toll Restriction, as described in Section 13.13, will be applied to Lifeline service at no charge to the subscriber. The CO Connection Fee applies to Lifeline customers whose message toll service has been restricted for nonpayment. If a Lifeline customer is toll restricted for a second occurrence, the Company may, at its discretion, place the Lifeline customer on a permanent toll restriction. A Lifeline subscriber's request for reconnection or re-establishment of local exchange access service will not be denied if the service as previously suspended or disconnected for non-payment of toll charges.

5. Rate Reduction

	<u>Monthly Rate</u>	
Lifeline State Credit	\$7.77	(C)

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FCC Form 481 Certifications

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Line 1210: Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Lifeline subscribers receive unlimited local calling at a discount of \$9.25.